

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER USE FROM THE MUNICIPAL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF RATON: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 972, ORDINANCE NO 948, ORDINANCE NO 894, AND ORDINANCE 684 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 972 establishing water rates for the municipal water system of The City of Raton was adopted on April 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 972 establishing sewer rates for the sewer system of the City of Raton was adopted on April 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 972 establishing Meter Deposit Rates of the City of Raton was adopted on April 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 972 establishing Miscellaneous Charges of the City of Raton was adopted on April 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the current cost of providing a quality, reliable water/wastewater service has increased substantially each year; and

WHEREAS, regulatory requirements for water/wastewater treatment have changed significantly in the last ten years and continue to increase production expense; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is an arid region subject to long periods of drought making water conservation a necessity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO:

Chapter 53 of the City of Raton Code of Ordinances, Section 53.036, WATER RATES is amended to read as follows:

(A) (1) Municipal residential.

- (a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$11.00 per month (no min. gal); and  
Second Year - \$12.00 per month (no min.gal); and  
Third Year - \$13.00 per month (no min. gal.); and

(b) Water Charge Under 25,000 gallons per month:

- First Year - \$2.022 per thousand gallons;
- Second Year - \$2.124 per thousand gallons;
- Third Year - \$2.231 per thousand gallons;

(c) Water Charge 25,000 thousand or more gallons per month:

- First Year - \$2.357 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;
- Second Year - \$2.475 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;
- Third Year - \$2.599 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;

(2) Rural residential and agriculture.

(a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$11.80 per month (no min. gal.); and  
Second Year - \$12.80 per month (no min. gal.); and  
Third Year - \$13.80 per month (no min. gal.); and

(b) Water Charge Under 25,000 gallons per month:

First Year - \$3,734 per thousand gallons;  
Second Year - \$3,921 per thousand gallons;  
Third Year - \$4,117 per thousand gallons;

(c) Water Charge 25,000 thousand or more gallons per month:

First Year - \$4,069 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;  
Second Year - \$4,273 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;  
Third Year - \$4,487 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;

(3) Urban commercial.

(a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$13.10 per month (no min. gal.); and  
Second Year - \$14.10 per month (no min. gal.); and  
Third Year - \$15.10 per month (no min. gal.); and

(b) Water Charge.

First Year - \$2,755 per thousand gallons;  
Second Year - \$2,893 per thousand gallons;  
Third Year - \$3,038 per thousand gallons;

(4) Urban Commercial - Multifamily Dwelling/Unit/Space (including but not limited to apartments, mobile home parks and private subdivisions)

(a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$13.10 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$6.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and  
Second Year - per meter \$14.10 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$7.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and  
Third Year - per meter \$15.10 per month (no min gal), plus a fixed charge of \$8.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and

(b) Water Charge.

First Year - \$2,755 per thousand gallons;  
Second Year - \$2,893 per thousand gallons;  
Third Year - \$3,038 per thousand gallons;

(5) Rural Commercial

(a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$13.10 per month (no min. gal), and  
Second Year - \$14.10 per month (no min. gal), and  
Third Year - \$15.10 per month (no min gal), and

(b) Water Charge.

First Year - \$4,060 per thousand gallons;

Second Year - \$4.263 per thousand gallons;  
Third Year - \$4.477 per thousand gallons;

(6) Rural Commercial – Multifamily Dwelling

- (a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$13.10 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$6.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and  
Second Year - \$14.10 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$7.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and  
Third Year - \$15.10 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$8.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and

(b) Water Charge.

First Year - \$4.060 per thousand gallons;  
Second Year - \$4.263 per thousand gallons;  
Third Year - \$4.477 per thousand gallons;

(7) Construction Water

- (a) Hydrant or Manifold meter (Non-potable)/1,000 gal \$5.00

(b) **Repealed**

Chapter 53 of the City Raton Code of Ordinances, Section 53.039 Application of Water Service is amended to read as follows:

- (b) Cash deposit required: exception. A \$100 cash deposit shall be made with each application for residential water service. The deposit for commercial service shall be \$200 or a sum of at least twice the estimated monthly billing for the commercial service, whichever is higher. However, where an applicant for water service is the owner of the premises to be served, or has paid at least \$1,000 upon principal on a real estate contract, no deposit shall be required. Notwithstanding the above deposit requirement, no deposit will be required if at least 2 years continuous satisfactory water utility payment record exists for the applicant. When service is permanently discontinued, the deposit, less any amount still due for service from the City Water Department will be refunded without interest.

(c) **Repealed**

**MISCELLANEOUS FEES:**

- (6) Meter Tampering Fees
  - (a) Without damage \$50.00
  - (b) With damage \$50.00 plus repair costs or proof of installation of owner shut off valve

Chapter 53 of the City of Raton Code of Ordinances, Section 53.086, BASIC SEWER RATES is amended to read as follows:

- (A) (1) Residential (based upon average of customer's water bill for December, January and February).
  - (a) Fixed charge per service - \$9.00; and  
Second Year - \$10.00; and  
Third Year - \$11.00; and

ATTEST:

Sandra Mantz, Mayor

CITY OF RATON

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

This Ordinance is to be reflected in water/sewer rates billed on the August 1, 2016 Billing.

- (a) Fixed charge per service - \$11.00, plus a fixed charge of \$11.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and
    - Second year - \$12.00, plus a fixed charge of \$12.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and
    - Third year - \$13.00, plus a fixed charge of \$13.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and
  - (b) First year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$1.957
  - Second year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.055
  - Third year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.158
- (4) Urban commercial - multi-dwelling
- (a) Fixed charge per service - \$16.00; and
    - Second Year - \$17.00; and
    - Third Year - \$18.00; and
  - (b) First year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.498
  - Second Year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.673
  - Third Year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.857
- (3) Rural commercial.
- (a) Fixed charge per service - \$11.00; and
    - Second Year - \$12.00; and
    - Third Year - \$13.00; and
  - (b) First year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$1.957
  - Second Year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.055
  - Third Year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.158
- (2) Urban commercial.
- (a) Fixed charge per service - \$11.00; and
    - Second Year - \$12.00; and
    - Third Year - \$13.00; and
  - (b) First Year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$1.957
  - Second Year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.055
  - Third Year - One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.158